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Our Case No.: 3591-1336

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SCHMITZ et al.

Serial No.: 10/686,554

Filing Date: October 14, 2003

For: BACKREST FOR A SEATING
STRUCTURE WITH AN
ADJUSTABLE SACRAL SUPPORT

Examiner: Unassigned

Group Art Unit No.: 3636

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and

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The references now cited are the following:

| U.S. PATENT NO. | DATE | PATENTEE |
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| 5,577,811 | 11/1996 | OGG |
| 6,125,851 | 10/2000 | WALKER ET AL. |

OTHER ART

A copy of provisional patent application S/N 60/387,654, filed 6/10/2002, WALKER et al., for "SACRAL SUPPORT MEMBER FOR SEATING."

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Respectfully submitted,

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